

SECTOR OF MEUSE NOW IS CENTER OF FIGHTING IN WEST

French Raids Made To
Forestall Attack Planned
By Germans

BRILLIANT SUCCESS

Enemy's Communications
Smashed And Efforts
Blocked For Weeks

TEUTONS' MORALE

Soldiers Have To Be Bri-
bed Or Doped To Go
'Over Top'

(Reuter's Agency War Service)
London, March 18.—Reuter's cor-
respondent at French Headquarters
wires:

The center of the activity has now
shifted to the Meuse. The big
French raids mentioned in yester-
day's communiques were directed
against the sectors where the enemy
had completed all his preparations
to attack. The result of the raids is
that his communications have been
so thoroughly smashed that it will
take many weeks before the enemy
can attack from these places.

The French infantry advanced 100
yards at a time, in accordance with
the gunners' time-table. One of
the main objects of the raids was
the destruction of Minenwerfers' batteries.
This was effected partly
by the French artillery and partly
by blowing them up with grenades
and some fifty of these powerful
weapons were thus demolished be-
fore the French returned.

Brilliant Work In Air

Reuter's correspondent at British
Headquarters reports:

Our airmen continue their brill-
iant work.

The meaning of aerial dominance
in relation to artillery effectiveness
is well described by the following
figures. In twenty-two counter-
battery shots in which 4,400 rounds
were fired, the Germans damaged
four of our guns, two gun-pits and
a dug-out, causing eight casualties,
and destroyed a small amount of
field ammunition. In the corre-
sponding period we carried out
ninety-five counter-battery shots,
hit fifty-five gun-pits, of which ten
were apparently destroyed, caused
sixty-four explosions and sixteen
fires. The damage done to the Ger-
man guns and the casualties caused
can only be conjectured from these
figures.

The reluctance of German soldiers
to undertake raids is shown by the
statements of prisoners taken in the
unsuccessful raid made by the Ger-
mans south of the Ypres-Comines
Canal on the night of the 13th. They
say that liberal inducements are
offered to raiders in the shape of
promotion, leave on money, the
average reward for capturing a
machine-gun being marks 750. The
prisoners attribute the failure of the
raid to our sturdy resistance and
lack of surprise owing to most of
their non-commissioned officers be-
ing drunk, they having been heavily
doped with brandy. Whereas our
men volunteer eagerly for raids as
fine adventures, the Germans must
apparently be bribed or dragooned.
Gen. Haig's Report

Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig
reported this evening:

The enemy raided two posts east-
ward of Poelcapelle.

The hostile artillery has been ac-
tive in the vicinity of the Bapaume-
Cambrai Road and against our for-
ward and back areas in the Ar-
menieres and Ypres sectors.

Air-attack.—There has been increas-
ed activity in the air.

We dropped 104 tons of bombs
on the railway sidings at Somain
and enemy billets on all parts of
the front and three aerodromes.

We brought down three enemy
machines in a fierce encounter over
an aerodrome.

During the day we brought down
eighteen enemy machines and drove
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Liang Shih-yi Goes North After Meeting Leaders Of All Facations Here

Rapid Series Of Conferences Brings Prospect Of Settle-
ment Closer; Will Work With Kuomintang, Is
Belief; Li Shun May Declare Independence

Liang Shih-yi, head of the Chiao-
ting party and again a leading figure
in Chinese politics, left Shanghai
yesterday afternoon on the steamer
Kingsing for Tientsin after three
strenuous and somewhat eventful days
in Shanghai. In those three days a
series of conferences with the repre-
sentatives of every political faction is
believed to have resulted in bringing
an understanding between those fac-
tions measurably closer.

As the situation can be gleaned now,
no formal agreement has been made
between Liang and the Kuomintang.
Liang has not yet committed himself
to any party or to any definite line of
action. He probably will not do that
until he has surveyed conditions in
the North more fully. This much he
has definitely assured his closest
friends, however; he will not, at least
for the present, accept any ministry or
office of any kind. For one thing, he
is clever enough to know that no office
under existing conditions could be
permitted.

Two thousand of those troops have
already been reported at Hauchowfu,
about two hundred miles from Nan-
king. In the face of this direct threat
from Peking Li Shun is said to be
contemplating drastic action and a
break is imminent.

Baron Hayashi, the Japanese
Minister, called on Hsu Shih-chang
yesterday afternoon and urged an
immediate settlement of the dispute
between the North and the South,
according to a telegram from Peking
last night.

The Consular body in Tientsin has
lodged a protest against the placing of
Fengtien troops at Chuanliangcheng, a
place of strategic importance, according
to Peking telegram. The Consuls
contended that the action constitutes
a breach of the stipulations of the
treaty of 1900.

Mr. Yang Shih-yi, the much-dis-
cussed candidate for the Premier-
ship, arrived at Tientsin Monday.

He was received by the President's
representative, Tien Wen-ll, Minister
of Agriculture and Commerce.

On account of his father's illness,
he was received at Tientsin Monday.
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General Chang Wen-sung, the
in-
tendant of Hauchowfu, reports that
four battalions of Fengtien troops
have arrived in his city.

Rumors are current in Peking that
Chang Hsun will be pardoned in the
near future.

A protest against the proposed
exportation of rice and wheat was
lodged yesterday by the local Chin-
ese General Chamber of Commerce
with the Kiangsu Provincial In-
dustrial Commission. The message
pointed out that foodstuffs in this
province have already risen in price,
and any action in lessen the supply
will cause a general panic among
the poor people.

Canton Assembly Meets In June
(Reuter's Pacific Service)

Canton, March 19.—The National
Assembly meets in regular session in
June instead of in April.

The Military Government is taking
over the Canton-Samshui Railway.

Dr. Wu Ting-fang and his son,
Wu Chow-chu, are in Kwangsi in-
terviewing Inspector General Lu
Yung-ting.

HOLLAND WILL ACCEPT ALLIES' STIPULATIONS

Will Agree To Give Up Ships
If It Gets Grain And
Coal

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

The Hague, March 18.—In the
Second Chamber today the Minister
for Foreign Affairs stated that, Ger-
many having declared that it was im-
possible to furnish Holland with 100,000
tons of grain within two months, the
Government would agree to the Allies
taking over Dutch shipping if Holland
could rely on getting 100,000 tons of
cereals and certain other commodities
from America, in accordance with a
recent agreement drawn up in
London; and also if bunker-coal for
the transport of goods to Holland was
furnished to certain Dutch ships, and
also if the Allies guarantee that Dutch
ships shall not transport troops and
war material, shall not be armed and
the crews shall be perfectly free to
attend to their navigation; and also,
if destroyed, that the ships shall be
replaced immediately after the war.
The Government could not go further.

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Being A Sorry Tale Of Cumshaw On Bail That Ended In Jail

A Way That Was Dark And
Trick That Was Vain In
The Mixed Court

This certainly is the rough old
world, all punctuated with un-
expectedness and calamities.

As was demonstrated in the Mixed
Court yesterday to the entire satis-
faction of Khe Ah-zen and Woo Loh.

It seems that on the night of
February 23 a select gathering of
the local gentry was holding a loud
and profitable session with the
dominoes when a file of policemen
obstructed and took a hand in the
game, scooping fourteen of the
players. They were bailed at the
rate of \$10 a corner and told to
show up for the morning session of
court. Now, there were a couple of
members of the party who for
family reasons, or something, were
reluctant to be seen on the wrong
side of the bar before the bench of
justice. Which is where Khe and
Woo come into the picture. The
apprehensive duo sought them out
and, finding them to be of obliging
nature but deflated finances, made a
dicker with them.

"The fine," explained the worried
ones, "will be small. Here are the bail
tickets for \$10 each. Take them,
appear, pay up and keep the change."

So Khe and Woo, looking expectant,
stood up to the bar next morning,
waiting for the Assessor to say
"Fined \$5"—and hoping he'd cut it to
\$2."

He said \$20.

Khe and Woo went to jail for the
extra \$10 worth. But toward the end
of their sentence they regained their
powers of speech sufficiently to tell
their tale of woe.

And yesterday they were given six
months each for attempting to side-
track the course of justice. One Ching
Tsing-zen got six months along with
them as being the man who engaged
Khe as a substitute.

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TURKEY AND CAUCASUS TO HOLD PEACE PARLEY

Constantinople Accepts Propos-
al To Hold Conference For
Separate Peace

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

Petrograd, March 18.—The com-
mander-in-chief of the Turkish
army has accepted the proposal of
the Government of the Caucasus to
commence pourparlers for a separate
peace.

The Austro-German forces have
occupied important towns in the
direction of Kursk and Kharkoff,
the latter town being hastily
evacuated.

The retreating Russians attempted
to set fire to Odessa but the Ger-
mans prevented them.

The banks in Odessa and Niko-
laev have resumed business under
German control.

A telegram from Rostoff states
that 3,000 well-armed Austrian and
German prisoners of war are in
complete possession of the town.

The newspapers report that five
hundred persons were massacred in
a single night in the small town of
Ghurkov and that sailors murdered
the inhabitants of two streets in
Sebastopol and threw the bodies into
the river.

Amsterdam, March 18.—The high
hopes of the Central Powers with
regard to obtaining supplies of food
from the Ukraine are apparently
doomed to disappointment.

The newspaper Germania says that
the agriculturists in the Ukraine are
faced with ruin, complete anarchy
prevails in the villages, the sowing of
crops has been faulty and all stocks
of corn have been hidden, so that the
large towns in the Ukraine are
threatened with a scarcity.

The Germania hopes that the
situation will improve when the troops
penetrate to the eastern portion of
Ukraine.

Experiment Proves Successful
And 54 More Are To
Be Built

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 18.—The Wash-
ington correspondent of the Times wires
that it is officially announced that the
first big concrete-ship, of 8,000 tons,
has been launched on the Pacific Coast,
completely and successfully, six weeks
after the concrete was first poured
into the forms.

Arrangements are being made to
build 54 more concrete vessels.

The advantages claimed for such
ships are that their construction does
not interfere with the building of steel
vessels, that concrete ships can be
launched within 90 days after the work
starts, and that the cost of the plant
is only one-twentieth of the cost of a
steel shipyard of equal capacity.

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The Weather

Overcast. The maximum tempera-
ture yesterday was 47.3 and the
minimum 41.5, the figures for the cor-
responding day last year being 58.4
and 36.

OFFICIALS MEET TO PLAN STEPS AGAINST PLAGUE

Measures to Keep Epidemic
Out Of Shanghai Are
Discussed

MAY BAR TRAFFIC

Heads Of Rail And Water
Transportation Lines
Called In

DR STANLEY GOES

Leaves For Nanking To
Make Report On Situa-
tion There

Shanghai health officials together
with representatives of the trans-
portation lines, water and rail, run-
ning between here and Nanking,
mobilised yesterday for a fight
against the advance of the
pneumonic plague which has broken
out in the provincial capital.

These forces gathered at a special
meeting called by the Municipal
Health Committee in the Council's
board rooms yesterday afternoon to
discuss measures which should be
taken in the endeavor to keep the
infection out of Shanghai and lay
a plan of action to be carried out
should the disease suddenly appear
here.

Present at the meeting were all of
the members of the Health Com-
mittee, consisting of Mr. A. S. P.
White-Cooper, chairman, Drs.
Arthur Stanley, J. W. Jackson and
R. J. Marshall and Messrs. S. J.
Halse and Ed. White; and also Mr.
H. A. Wilden, Consul-General for
France; Mr. Ch. Jasson, of the
French Municipal Council; Dr. J.
Ricou, French Municipal Health
Officer; Mr. R. H. R. Wade, Com-
missioner of Customs; Mr. H. G.
Mybre, Harbor Master; Mr. A. C.
Clear, of the Shanghai-Nanking
Railway; Mr. J. Johnstone, of the
Indo-China Steam Navigation Co.;
Captain W. H. Lunt, of the China
Merchants' Steam Navigation Co.;
Mr. E. F. Mackay, of the China
Navigation Co.; and Mr. B. Okano,
of the Nishin Kisen Kaisha.

May Cut Off Nanking

At the conclusion of the meeting,
while none of the plans were given
out, it was stated that every step
would be taken toward keeping the
plague from reaching Shanghai.
From which it is inferred that all
traffic from Nanking will be either
suspended directly or placed under
a strict supervision which will per-
mit of the careful observation of
suspected contact cases. It is also
said that preparations for combating
the disease in case it breaks out
here will go forward immediately.

Word reached Shanghai during
the day that the Nanking outbreak
has been definitely diagnosed as that
of pneumonic plague and last night
Dr. Stanley left for the stricken city
to confer with the medical men who
are fighting it there. He expects to
make only a very brief visit, return-
ing to Shanghai for the work here.
Dr. Y. Y. Chen, newly appointed
health commissioner at Nanking,
paid a flying visit to Dr. Stanley
late Tuesday, conferring with the local
Health Officer and securing apparatus
for making tests in suspected cases.

He returned to Nanking the same
evening.

New Cases In Nanking

Dr. Stanley received word yesterday
of further cases than those first re-
ported at Nanking but no figures
were given. Just before leaving last
night he said that he had not heard
that the situation had grown worse
during the day and believed that there
had been no further spread of the
disease to other localities of the city.
It was said late last night that
traffic between Chinkiang and Nan-
king will in all probabilities be
suspended today. The traffic manager
and the medical advisor of the Shang-
hai-Nanking Railway left here on the
late train for Nanking, carrying 200
masks to equip the railway station
staff at the latter city. They will also
decide upon the advisability of
suspending the traffic between Nan-
king and

stated that the gates of that city are closed, but it could not be ascertained whether this was done on account of the plague or of because the rumor that Nanking has declared its independence under General Li Shun.

The launch service between Nanking and Chinkiang was suspended yesterday, it is understood.

A private letter received here late last night said that the people in Nanking are greatly excited over the outbreak and the better classes are all wearing masks when they are out in the streets.

Another letter told of a Chinese dropping dead before the Hillcrest school for American Children just a few minutes after the children had been dismissed and the institution closed. The body was immediately taken charge of by Dr. Perkins and examination proved it to have been a plague case.

CALL GERMAN PEACE CRIME AGAINST RUSSIA

Premiers Of Three Nations Meet In London And Bitterly Arraign Teutons

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

* London, March 18.—The Press Bureau issues the following communiqué:

Meetings of the Supreme War Council and important political Conferences were held at Downing Street from Thursday to Saturday last. The French Premier and the Italian Premier attended.

The Press Bureau also issued the following communiqué:

"The Prime Ministers and Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Entente, assembled in London, feel bound to take note of the political crimes under the name of a German peace which have been committed against the Russian people.

"Russia was unarmed. Forgetting that for four years Germany has been fighting against the independence of nations and the rights of mankind, the Russian Government, in a mood of singular crudity, expected to obtain by persuasion the democratic peace which they had failed to obtain by war.

"The armistice had not expired when the Germans, contrary to their pledge, transferred their troops en masse to the West. Russia was so weak that she did not protest at this flagrant violation of a plighted word.

"When the German peace was translated into action, it was found to involve the invasion of Russian territory, the destruction or capture of all Russia's means of defence and the organisation of Russian lands for the profit of Germany, this proceeding not differing from annexation because that word was carefully avoided.

"Meanwhile the Russians, who had made military operations impossible, found diplomacy impotent and their Representatives were compelled to proclaim that, while they refused to read the treaty of peace, they had no choice but to sign it, and they signed it without knowing whether it meant peace or war, nor measuring the degree to which the national life of Russia was reduced by it to a shadow."

MINERS VOTE TO GIVE MORE MEN TO ARMY

Durham Vote Favors Combing Out But South Wales Count Is Against

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

* London, March 18.—The Durham miners have voted in favor of combing out the miners of Great Britain by 33,575 votes to 27,178.

The previous figures on the South Wales miners' ballot were incomplete. The final result was 59,256 votes for and 60,870 votes against a comb-out of mines for military service.

British Naval Airmen Bring Down 10 Planes

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

* London, March 18.—The Admiralty issues the following communiqué:

During their offensive patrols from Dunkirk, our aeroplanes destroyed five machines and shot down five from Thursday to Sunday. All our machines returned.

The Shanghai Chemical Laboratory

No. 4 Canton Road

CHINESE EDITOR IS FINED FOR CONTEMPT OF COURT

Must Pay \$50 For Commenting On Trial While Still In Progress

The editor of the Ming Kuo Tao, a newspaper published in Chinese and registered with the Japanese Consulate, was fined \$50 yesterday morning in the Mixed Court before British Assessor Grant Jones, Japanese Assessor Hayashide and Magistrate Kwan. He was charged with contempt of court in publishing an article commenting on the trial of Sung Jang-foo, charged with the assassination of Admiral Tseng Ju-cheng, while the case was in progress in the Mixed Court. Mr. K. E. Newman prosecuted, while Mr. W. S. Fleming represented the defendant.

Assessor Grant Jones, in giving judgment, said that while he agreed with the counsel for defense that an offence of this nature was not so serious where a court sat without a jury as where it sat with one, as the mind of the Court was not so likely to be influenced by such comment as a jury, the article was undoubtedly a prejudiced description of the case and, if published earlier, might have had the effect of deterring witnesses from attending, or if they did attend, from speaking the truth. The court, therefore, was bound to take notice of the case.

Mr. Fleming, in his defense, pointed out that the newspaper in China is comparatively a new institution. It dates back only to the publication of English newspapers in this country. Therefore, its editors cannot be expected to know of the refinements of practice as if they were in a country where the law of the land clearly defines the rights and obligations of its press and the Court should take a lenient view of what had been done in this case. In the absence of statutory definition, he contended, it was difficult for the Chinese editors to decide what was and what was not contempt of court.

Counsel further contended that the article in question contained nothing which would tend to inflame and affect the mind of the Court, because it did not express any opinion as to the merits of the case.

LICHNOWSKY DOCUMENT DEPATED IN REICHSTAG

Memorandum Of Former German Ambassador To London Discussed In Secret

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

* Amsterdam, March 18.—The Vorwärter states that a secret sitting of the Reichstag, which lasted the whole day, discussed the memorandum written by Count Lichnowsky, mentioned in recent cables.

This memorandum, by the former German Ambassador to London, admitted that Britain's foreign policy was directed to preventing war.

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King Of Rumania In Switzerland, Report

Story Of His Departure As Yet Unconfirmed—Averescu's Life Threatened

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 18.—An unconfirmed report states that the King of Rumania has gone to Switzerland.

A telegram from Sofia states that General Averescu resigned the premiership owing to an attempt to assassinate him.

Four French Deported In New York As Spies

Accused Of Conducting Secret Correspondence In Code With Bernstorff

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

New York, March 18.—Two men and two women, supposed to be French, who live in fashionable localities and were amply supplied with funds, have been deported. It is alleged that they carried on a correspondence in code with Count Bernstorff, the former German Ambassador to the United States.

Talk On Labor Corps At Union Church

Lieut. Hawkins Lectures Tonight On Experiences With Chinese Battalions

A program which promises to contain much of interest will be given under the auspices of the Union Church Literary and Social Guild tonight when Lieutenant W. T. Hawkins will deliver a lecture on his "Experiences with the Chinese Labor Corps." The talk will be illustrated with lantern slides and the proceeds of the entertainment will be devoted to the Fund for the Chinese in France. The lecture will be given in the large hall at Union Church. Admission is \$1.

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GERMANS WARN NEUTRAL SHIPS OF NEW DANGERS

Blame Need For Further Frightfulness On Conduct Of British Navy

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 18.—In the case of the Marconi Company versus the Postmaster-General, mentioned on the 14th, the Attorney-General has announced that the questions in dispute will be referred to arbitration for assessment concerning the amount of compensation. The Attorney-General admitted that there

had been a breach of contract by the Crown, the Postmaster-General would give a declaration to this effect and the petitioners were entitled to damages on a basis of six stations.

Marconi Co. Awarded Damages On Contract

Attorney General Admits Liability Of Crown; Commission To Fix Compensation

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WOULD USE GERMANS TO PROTECT HOSPITAL SHIPS

Parliament Member's Suggestion Considered But Not To Be Adopted, Says Law

(Reuter's Agency War Service)

London, March 18.—In the House of Commons today Mr. A. Bonar Law stated that the operations in the Eastern theaters of war came

under the control of the Allied Council at Versailles.

Mr. Roland Hunt, Unionist M.P. for Ludlow, suggested that German officers of superior rank should be placed on all British hospital-ships and also on unarmed merchantmen.

Mr. A. Bonar Law replied that the subject had been carefully considered by the naval and military authorities, that the action proposed would not be taken and that he could not publicly state the reasons of this decision.

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LABOR DEPARTMENT TO BE REORGANISED

Secretary Wilson Takes Step To
Formulate Policy For
War Work

AIMS TO END STRIKES

Capital And Public To Be Re-
presented—New Service
Bureaus Planned

Former President Taft has been
selected by capital as its chief repre-
sentative in the conference to end
strikes, but labor has not yet chosen
its representative according to an
American wireless message from
Washington on February 26.

Washington, February 1.—Virtual
reorganisation of the Department of
Labor has been decided on by Secretary
Wilson as the first move in a
plan to establish a war labor adminis-
tration which will formulate a broad
national labor policy for the duration
of the war.

The step was recommended by a
special labor advisory council named
by Secretary Wilson two weeks ago
to assist him in working out a pro-
gram. A war labor administration
was proposed in the Council of
National Defence and approved by
President Wilson, who put under
Secretary Wilson's direction all Gov-
ernment activities relating to labor
problems.

Taking up first the most difficult
task confronting him, that of bringing
capital and labor together in an
arrangement to end strikes, it was
learned tonight Secretary Wilson will
call on both sides immediately to
form a joint board to meet in Wash-
ington to agree on general principles
to govern their relations during the
war. Each side will be asked to name
five representatives, who in turn will
select one person each representing
the general public, making a board
of twelve members.

The War Labor Administration will
be centered in the reorganised and
enlarged Labor Department. Secretary
Wilson will be supreme Labor
Administrator and industrial service
sections of other Government depart-
ments, although they will continue
their activities as at present, will be
centralised under his control.

New Bureaus Created

Several new Labor Department
services of bureaus will be created.
The most important of these will be
an adjustment bureau, which will
deal with industrial disputes. The
others will be designated.

Conditions of labor, information
and education, woman in industry,
training and housing and transportation
and personnel.

Officials who have studied the war
labor situation expressed the opinion
tonight that the labor problem at
last is in a fair way of solution. By
having employers and employees
agree on the great principles of their
relations it is hoped to settle all
differences that may arise before they
develop into strikes. Heretofore the
policy has been to take up the situation
and attempt a settlement after
the strikes are imminent or actually
have occurred.

Government department anxious to
obtain speedy production of war
materials, it is generally admitted,
have not helped the situation by
allowing employers engaged on war
contracts to bid against each other
for labor. Every department too has
dealt with its own labor problems in
its own way, and this general lack
of definite policy, officials say, has
done as much as anything else to
bring about the present situation.

Appropriation To Be Asked

Congress will be asked for an ap-
propriation to get the new adminis-
tration started. The employment service
already has a million dollars placed
at its disposal by the President from
his general emergency fund, but the
other bureaus will need considerable
funds to carry on their work.

To obtain the use of the facilities
of the industrial service sections of
other departments Secretary Wilson
will call a conference of the Secre-
taries of War and Navy and the
chairman of the Shipping Board to
obtain from them the necessary
authority to make the services a part
of the War Labor Administration.

In its report to Secretary Wilson
outlining the plan for the new
organisation the Advisory Council,
headed by John Lind, took occasion
to suggest that a centralised
administration of war materials pro-
duction would make more effective
the work of labor administration.

Officials generally believe that the
representatives of capital and labor
when they meet here will have no
great difficulty in getting together on
the general principles governing their
relations.

**He Can Go With
Gen. Pershing Now**

Albany, January 31.—A big broad
shouldered man wearing an officer's
uniform, with two silver bars on his
shoulders walked into the executive
chamber this morning.

"Governor, I am a captain in the
—th regiment," he said by way of
introduction.

"Sit down, captain," invited the
Governor. "What can I do for you?"

"Your Excellency, I am in distress
—great distress. I am well beyond
the draft age. When the war broke
out I entered a training camp and
won a first lieutenancy. Shortly
after I was promoted to captain. I
am now recommended for the gold
leaf of a major. All my life I have
tried to act on the square with all
the world."

"But I fell—that was years ago.
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thought that your act had restored
me to citizenship. I learned that it
didn't a fortnight ago when men of
my home town—Brooklyn—threatened
to reveal to army authorities that
I was an ex-convict. And then they
told me that I was still carrying the
brand of a felon; that your parole
was nothing. I couldn't afford to
fight them. I knew I'd get a square
deal from you, so I came here to—"

"You came here," interrupted the
Governor, "to be restored to citizen-
ship. You shall be."

And less than five minutes later
Captain—of the—th regiment
held the Governor's hand in his
right, and in the left the Governor's
pardon restoring him to citizenship.

This is a question for Parliament.
Crisis Is Grave

The crisis is grave. Colonel
Repington warns us that the situation
of our Armies in France is very
serious, owing to the German con-
centration, which is in full swing.
The Germans are rushing their divi-
sions from East to West. This is the
moment chosen by the Camarilla to
launch a Press campaign of slander
against our High Command. Lord
Northcliffe calls for a "shunter" who
will shunt our Generals like our Ad-
mirals. The nation as a whole does
not realise the magnitude of its
peril. It does not grasp the immin-
ence of its danger. The Press as-
sassins conduct their operations with
diabolical cunning, and they suppress
every independent critic. Colonel
Repington has resigned upon public
grounds, because he refuses to be a
party to the vilest intrigue which
ever defiled our national life. He
calls for leadership. "If there is a
man left in England capable of lead-
ing," he says, "it is about time he
showed himself." Where is the man?
Let him come forth, and the whole
nation will follow him.

Lord Northcliffe has caught a
Tartar in his late military critic.
Colonel Repington told the truth in
the interview which we published
yesterday, and we predict that his
courageous example will be followed
by many other good citizens.
There are now four newspapers in
London who are not afraid to tell the
truth. They are the Morning Post,
the Globe, the Daily News and The
Star. There may be others before
long. Colonel Repington urges
Parliament to drag out the truth
about the war. He says that in the
Army and the Navy there is a com-
mon saying that if an Admiral or a
General tells the truth he is doomed
forthwith by the Camarilla in
Downing-street. He declares that
the whole Navy is furious at the
treatment of Sir John Jellicoe. We
may be sure that the truth will be
told, told it day after day, week
after week, month after month, until
it became intolerable.

Why Did Carson Resign?

Colonel Repington says there are
some members of the War Cabinet
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PIES IN PARIS

It was not lately that some of our soldiers have been having a hard time trying to find pies in Paris, and that when found the said comestibles have proved as precious as they were rare, even to the amount of \$2.40 for a single pie. But it was not always so. The American searching Paris for his pie many years since could find this tasty confection in such inconspicuous but excellent places as the one told of by the unknown author of that remarkable book *My Unknown Chum*. Here is what "Aquecheek" has to say of the old time Paris and its old time pie:

There are, without doubt, many persons who can say in their pilgrimage of life they have truly "found their warmest welcome at an inn." My experience outstrips that, for I have received one of my most cordial greetings in a cafe. The establishment in question is so eminently American that I should feel as if I had neglected a sacred duty if I did not describe it for the benefit of future sojourners in the French capital, who are hereby requested to overhaul their memorandum books and make a note of it. It does not boast the magnificence and luxury of the cafe de Paris, Very's the Trolle Freres Provenceaux, nor of Taylor's; nor does it thrust itself forward into the publicity of the gay boulevards or of the thronged arcades of the Palais Royal. It does not appeal to those who love the noise and dust of fashion's highway; for them it has no welcome. But to those who love "the cool, sequestered path of life" it offers a degree of quiet comfort to which the "slaves of passion,

avarice and pride," who view themselves in the mirrors of the *Maison Dorée*, are strangers. You turn from the Boulevard des Italiens into the Rue de la Michodière, which you perambulate until you come to number six, where you will stop and take an observation. Perhaps wonder will predominate over admiration. The front of the establishment does not exceed twelve feet in width and the sign over the door shows that it is a cremerie. The fact is also adumbrated symbolically by a large brass can, which is set over the portal. In one of the windows may be observed a neatly executed placard to this effect:

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Nothing can surpass the home feeling that took possession of me when I found myself once more in Mme. Busque's little back room at No. 6 Rue de la Michodière. How cordial was that estimable lady's welcome! She made herself as busy as a cat with the

one chicken, and prepared for me a "lured nature's sweet restorer" in the shape of one of her famous omelets. The old den had not changed in the least. Mme. Busque used to threaten occasionally to paint it, and otherwise improve and embellish it; but we always told her that if she did anything of that kind, or tried to render it less dingy, or snug, or unpretending, we would never eat another of her pumpkin pies.

Not all the mirrors and magnificence of the resorts of fashion can equal the quiet cosiness of Mme. Busque's back room. You meet all kinds of company there. The blouse is at home there, as well as its ambitious cousin, the broadcloth coat. Law and medicine,

literature and art, pleasure and honest toil, meet there upon equal terms. Our own aristocratic Washington never dreamed of such a democracy as his calm portrait looks down upon in that room. Then we have such a delightful neighborhood there. I feel as if the charcoal woman of the next door but one below was some relation to me—at least an aunt; she always has a pleasant word and a smile for the frequenters of No. 6, and then it is so disinterested on her part, for we can none of us need any of her charcoal. I hope that no person who reads this will be misled by it and go to Mme. Busque's cremerie, expecting to find there—the variety, which the restaurants boast for he will be disappointed. But he will find everything there of the best description. My taste in food (as in most other matters) is a very catholic one. I can eat beef with the English, garlic and onions with the French, sauerkraut with the Germans, macaroni with the Italians, pilaf with the Turks, baked beans with the Yankees, hominy with the Southerners and oysters with anybody. But as I feel aye getting the better of me day by day I think I grow to be bore and more of a pre-Raphaelite in these things. So I crave nothing more luxurious than a good steak or chop, with the appropriate vegetables; and these are to be had in their perfection at Mme. Busque's. My benison upon her!

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TEACHERS OF CHEKIANG TELL OF JAPAN TRIP

Warmly Received And Given Every Facility For Study—Great Sports Meet Planned

China Press Correspondence
Kashin, March 19.—Under the auspices of the Chekiang Provincial Educational Association, a party to study the education methods and systems of Japan was sent to that country in early February. The party, headed by Mr. King Hung-ye, President of the Educational Association, consisted of about thirty members. All of them came back last week.

While they were at Tokio, they not only visited the famous educational institutions, but had personal interviews with many of the leading men. At another important city, they visited they were cordially received among the people. At Nagoya a warm reception was extended to the party by the teachers, the merchants and the other leading persons of the place. The general impression gained was that the Japanese had great interest in and good wishes for the prosperity of their neighboring country.

The party was particularly impressed with the wonderful progress made in recent years on the line of the common school education in connection with the vocational training which has been made as an educational reform for the Chinese system of education by many Chinese educators.

After three weeks' sojourn in Japan, the party went over to Korea where they spent some time at Seoul and other cities before they made their way back to China by the Northern railway line. The International Athletic Meet of the government schools is going to be held at Hangchow on April 1. This is really the second annual meet of the government schools in Chekiang, the first being held year before last at the same city. It was owing to the political unrest in the province that it was postponed last year.

It has been decided that all the governmental schools of Academic standing shall join the meet, but considering the number of the schools, it is not improbable that fully a thousand and athletes will take part.

Mr. Lee Zah-yan of the Salt Gabelle Administration at Hangchow has been invited to be the referee. Mr. Lee is an old athlete at St. John's University, who afterwards went to America and fully deserves the honor of being the referee of such a meet.

Meuse Center Of Fighting In West

(Continued from Page 1)
down eight. Four of ours are missing.

Our night-flying machines dropped five tons of bombs on two aerodromes and a dump northeastward of St. Quentin and enemy billets at Douai and Menin. All our machines returned.

Belgian Lines Attacked
A Belgian official communiqué reports:

Following his recent activity, the enemy attacked in the region of Neuport, Dixmude and Merckem in considerable force with Stoss-Trappen.

The enemy obtained a footing in some advance elements near Neuport, from which he has been partially driven out.

After violent bombardment, the enemy penetrated our advanced posts in the direction of Dixmude and, by the use of Flammenwerfer, into part of a trench on the west bank of the Yser. Counter-attacks entirely restored the positions.

The enemy attacked in the direction of Merckem but was repulsed by our barrage.

The artillery struggle has been very lively along the whole front.

French Boat Off Raids

Paris, March 18.—The official communiqué issued this evening reported:

An enemy coup-de-main north of Juvincourt and another southeast of Corbey were repulsed with appreciable losses to the enemy after lively fighting.

There have been lively reciprocal artillery actions, especially in the districts of Samogneux and Bezonvax and between Bures and Badonviller, in Lorraine.

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SOLENES AND GERMANS FIGHT IN AUSTRIAN LINES

Desertion From Ranks Of Teuton Army Numerous, Says Rome Despatch

(Reuters' Agency War Service)
Peking, March 17.—Reuters' Agency has received the following telegrams from an authoritative Italian source:

Rome, March 16.—Recent troop movements in the rear lines of the Austrian army have caused bloody incidents between Slovanes and Germans. Deserters and prisoners from the Austrian ranks tell of the disorderly return to Austria of crowds of prisoners liberated by the Russians and committing all kinds of violence. The Bolshevik propaganda seems to have influenced them deeply. Numbers try to desert and many hide in the country and live by brigandage.

Italian deputies have addressed questions to the Government regarding the differential treatment of Austrian prisoners in Italy, where it is excellent, and that of the Italian prisoners in Austria and Germany who are compelled to undergo all kinds of privations. Enemy prisoners who arrive suffering from disease in Italy recover, while the mortality among Italian prisoners in Austria is appalling.

Rome, March 18.—Cardinal Pernard, Archbishop of Milan, in a letter to the clergy of his diocese, protests against the accusations of defeatism directed to the clergy. He invites the clergy to help in the measures dictated by the authorities and pleads for the establishment of a lasting peace without injury for the future, a peace that shall satisfy the just aspirations of the nation, not a patched up peace.

The International Committee of the Red Cross has addressed an invitation to belligerent and neutral Red Cross Societies to a conference to be held at Genoa on April 30. The object of the meeting is to formulate the humanitarian principles that must inspire the new law of nations. The Italian Red Cross is with the Allies, giving full support to the object of the meeting.

Italian residents abroad must present themselves not later than August 1.

The work of organisation for the next campaign is proceeding with great energy. The authorities are taking strict measures to eliminate suspects from the war zone. A great number of maimed soldiers are being given employment in the central administration in order to increase the numbers of the army in the field.

Italian emigrants and members of Italian colonies in Europe and in Northern Africa have underwritten largely unexpected sums for the fifth war loan, which is surpassing all previous calculations. Tunis has subscribed eight millions and a few Italians in Corfu one million.

These spontaneous manifestations on the part of emigrants and Italians abroad are an encouraging proof of the determination to vanquish and to support to the utmost the national feeling of solidarity which has been roused by the invasion of Venetia.

Wedding

Williamson-Leslie

At a quiet church wedding following the ceremony at the British Consulate, Miss Clarion Leslie of Kensington, Sydney, Australia, and Mr. Stuart Williamson, manager of Messrs. Moller and Co., Ltd., of Hongkong, were married yesterday morning. The bride only recently arrived from Australia and was met in Shanghai by the bridegroom. After the church ceremony, at which Dean Walker officiated, a tiffin was given the newly married pair at the home of Mr. Eric Moller in Route Ghislis, only intimate friends being present. The happy couple then departed for a houseboat trip up country.

News Briefs

As a mark of appreciation for the service done for the Chinese merchants in this city by former Foreign Commissioner F. M. Sah, members of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce yesterday presented a large portrait of Mr. Sah to the Bureau of Foreign Affairs with a written request that it be hung in the hall of the Bureau permanently. Several commendatory stanzas were written on the portrait.

The Municipal offices will be closed to public business on Good Friday, March 29, and on Easter Monday, April 1, it is announced in the Municipal Gazette.

Notice is given by the Ground Committee that clubs desirous of securing playing space on the Race Course Recreation Ground should apply to the Secretary, Mr. George Lansing, not later than April 10.

Austrian Sentenced For Carrying Revolver

Malewanik Kovstantin, an Austrian, charged with the unlawful possession of a revolver, was given one week's imprisonment yesterday in the Mixed Court. Another charge preferred against him, that of threatening to shoot a Chinese girl at 381 Miller Road early yesterday morning, was dismissed.

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Shinjo Maru	Feb. 12	Cherries	none
For Gioma	Mar. 16	Cocoanuts	each 15-18
Justin	Mar. 17	Chestnuts	per lb.
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Pushimi Maru	Feb. 17	Grapes	per lb.
Siwa Maru	Feb. 17	Lemons	each
Harold Deller	Feb. 26	Lichees	per lb.
Key West	Feb. 21	Mangoes	per doz.
		Mangosteens	each
		Oranges	per lb.
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		Plums	per lb.
		Pineapples	each
		Pears	per lb.
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		Walnuts	10-12
		Vegetables	
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		Asparagus	per lb. none
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		Broad Beans	12-15
		Beetroot	per bunch 2-3
		Cabbage	each 5-7
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		Carrots	each 2-3
		Cauliflower	per lb. 10-15
		Egg Plant	per lb. 6-8
		French Beans	20-25
		Green Corn	each none
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		Radishes	per bunch 1-2
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		Turnips	2-3
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		Flour Australian	\$4.40
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The Plague
S HANGHAI is confronted with a grave menace, graver than any in years. Pneumonic plague, most dread of all the dread scourges of the Orient, is at our doors. Already at Nanking, and serious, it is only by the mercy of the fates that it can be kept from coming here. What that may mean, unless the situation is met speedily, energetically and efficiently, is not to be contemplated.

It may not be too late to keep it out. It certainly is not too early to take steps to limit its ravages. Action along this line is up to the constituted authorities of the foreign settlements.

A meeting was held yesterday, it is true, by the Municipal Health Committee, French representatives and the heads of the transportation agencies here. But it was a meeting hedged about with too much of the traditional and conventional fear of publicity characteristic of all administration matters in Shanghai. The problem is a public one, in the most direct meaning of the word. It must be treated publicly and solved publicly. The importance of the factor of publicity in community health has already been realized in American and European cities; it is even more important in Shanghai. It may not be an exaggeration to say that success or failure in combatting the plague hinges entirely on the intelligent use of publicity in enlisting the co-operation of the public, foreign and Chinese.

So far as our information goes, what has already been done is good enough, but more must be done, and that quickly. If possible, Nanking must be isolated. Traffic of all kinds from there should be stopped. If the prevention of egress from Nanking is impracticable, ingress into Shanghai should be forbidden as far as possible. The railway service should be stopped. Entrance by water routes should be barred. If necessary, Shanghai should be closed to entrance except at one or two points and all other points closely guarded.

Facilities for the making and distribution of masks should be arranged. Quarantine districts should be established in advance. Facilities for isolation of cases and those that have come into contact with them should be prepared in advance. Notification should be made to the public at once of what precautions can be taken. An educational campaign should be started at once in the Chinese newspapers, for on the support of the Chinese population everything depends.

But above all, it must all be done quickly.

**International Coal
Trade Of World**

The proposed reduction in exportation of coal from the United States suggested by Dr. Garfield, will probably not affect the rank of the United States as a coal exporting country. A compilation by The National City Bank of New York shows that the United States now holds second rank as a coal exporter. Prior to the war Germany ranked second in the list of coal exporting countries, and the United States third, but with the cutting off of Germany's export trade the United States took second rank as a coal exporter, though far behind Great Britain.

**U.S. Follows Past War
Policy In Present Siberian Situation**

Exports of coal from Great Britain in 1913 were 93 million tons against 40 millions from Germany and 29 millions from the United States, these figures including in all cases the "bunker coal" supplied to vessels engaged in foreign trade; in 1916 Great Britain 52 million tons; U. S. 31 million tons.

Great Britain, Germany and the United States have supplied for many years the bulk of the coal entering international trade. The total amount of coal passing out of the coal producing countries of the world in 1913 was about 200 million tons, of which about 40 millions was "bunker coal," supplied to vessels engaged in international trade for their use on the oceans, while a considerable percentage of that recorded as "exports" went to the world's coaling stations where it is supplied to steamers. The coal burned by steam vessels on the oceans aggregated in normal time about \$260,000,000 a year, in value out of a total of nearly \$700,000,000 worth passing out of the coal producing countries of the world.

The principal coal exports of the world in 1913, including that used for bunker purposes, were Great Britain 93 millions tons, Germany 40 millions, United States 29 millions, Austria-Hungary 9 millions, Belgium and Canada about 5½ millions each, Netherlands slightly less than 5 millions, Japan nearly 4 millions, British South Africa 2½ millions and Australia 2 millions. **World's Coaling Stations**

The fact that a comparatively small number of countries outside of Europe and the United States have any considerable coal for exportation has compelled shipping interests to establish many coaling stations in all parts of the world, but especially in the Orient and the tropics off the coast of South America and Southern Africa. The most important of the coaling stations aside from those of Europe are at Algiers, Port Said, Aden, Colombo, Ceylon, Singapore, Hongkong, Moji and Yokohama, Japan; Montevideo and Valparaiso in South America; Durban, South Africa; Sydney and Melbourne (Australia); and Wellington, New Zealand. The United States Government has established since the opening of the Panama Canal one of the most important coaling stations of the world, with large supplies of coal in stock and the most modern facilities for transferring coal to vessels.

The Washington Way

One of the dollar-a-year men was in his New York office again for a few hours, tearing around in his old-time, vigorous style. (Many of the biggest men in America have volunteered their war services and are being paid their big, round dollar every year only because the law provides that the government can accept no service without paying for it.) A friend tried to offer this particular dollar-a-year man sympathy on the score that his work at Washington had made it necessary to work twice as hard. The friend wondered that he did not break down.

"I want to make a confession," said the volunteer. "I am putting on weight and enjoying the best health I have had for years. When I come back to New York I fret if the subway delays for a minute, criticize the telephone girl if she cannot get a number instantaneously, and try to eat a regular dinner twenty minutes at the luncheon club. In Washington I walk to my office, though it takes twenty-five minutes, spend an hour and a half at lunch, visit around, and manage to get quite a lot of work done without expending much nervous energy. I have given up trying to make people in Washington do business my way and have adopted theirs. I guess the other fellows who were called down to the capital to speed up the war are doing the same. After all, it is a pleasant life if you do not crowd it."

What a world of philosophy, all camouflaged with sarcasm!

"Peace But by No Fault of Mine"—Hertling's Game

(From The New Republic)

Peace is no nearer, if we are to take Hertling's address at its face value, and as indicative of the position of the ruling forces of Germany. It does not express the views of the extreme pan-Germanists, and they announce themselves much dissatisfied with it. Neither does it express the views of the socialists and liberals who had hoped that a way might be opened for an honorable peace. If there is any class in Germany that will accept Hertling's pronouncements without reservations it is in the conservative landed gentry, the Junkers proper.

Once more we are forced to listen to the myth of a Germany encircled by aggressive enemies, of the purely defensive nature of the Dual Alliance. If we had the full text of the address, we should doubtless find in it also the myth of Belgium's secret alliance with England and France, the bloody designs of the lamb against the wolf. Germany's hands are declared clean, and until the Allies recognize this, Hertling intimates there can be no talk of peace. Germany's military position is stronger than ever, and "throughout the army, in the officers and the men, lives unbroken the joy of battle."

Germany will not give up Alsace-Lorraine. She will not renounce annexations at the expense of Russia, annexations that would inevitably increase the power of the Junker as against that of the industrial classes of modern Germany. Belgian and French territory occupied by the German armies are to be held as pawns to be given up only in exchange for suitable concessions. As to the American demands, as expressed in President Wilson's statement of war aims, we are given to understand that Germany proposes to settle her eastern boundary questions with Russia and her western boundary questions with France. These questions, in Hertling's view, do not concern us. Whether Poland is to be independent or not is a matter for Germany and Austria-Hungary, which "liberated" her from Russia, to determine. As to "freedom of the seas," Hertling agrees with President Wilson's proposal, after striking out the essential clause relating to the closing of the seas "by international action for the enforcement of international covenants," and after adding the preposterous suggestion that British naval bases, such as Gibraltar, Malta, Aden, Hongkong and the Falkland Islands be removed. Peace upon such terms would be a victorious peace, as the Junkers conceive it, though not the successful peace, assuring world dominion, of the more ambitious pan-Germanists.

The difference is immaterial except in theory. Hertling knows very well that the Allies will accept no peace that leaves Germany in the position of victor. **Czernin's Evidence**

Is then Hertling's address to be taken as a mere reiteration of Germany's declaration of war against the world? Before we accept such a conclusion, let us consider for a moment the simultaneous declaration of Count Czernin, who speaks as authoritatively for the Dual Monarchy as Hertling speaks for Germany. Both statesmen cover the same ground. It is assumed by well informed writers in the German press that Hertling and Czernin were in close communication with each other; that each knew and approved the other's utterance. This is an assumption one is forced to make, in default of proof that Austria-Hungary has acquired a degree of independence of action such as she has never manifested since the war began. There must, then, be something like an agreement, at bottom, between the views of Hertling and Czernin.

But Czernin appears as pacific as Hertling appears bellicose. He declares that Austria-Hungary does not demand one kreutzer or indemnity for one foot of soil from Russia. The Polish question ought not to delay peace for a single day. Differences between Russia and Germany respecting the disposition of Courland, Lithuania and the Polish provinces are not serious enough to "justify a rupture of negotiations, but negotiations of this character can not be finished in one night." He regards President Wilson's proposals as "an appreciable approach to the Austro-Hun-

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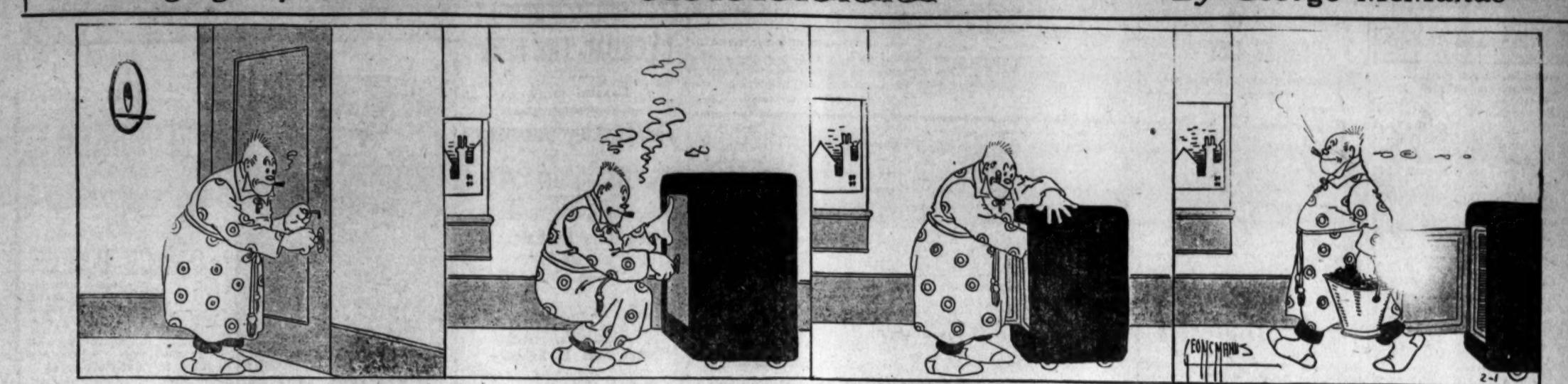
**Oriental Stagecraft**

The part which gesture plays in Oriental drama is set forth in a recent Hindu volume, which says that there is a fitting gesture to represent every emotion. The gesture in fact is described as deaf-and-dumb alphabet of the soul. There are nine movements of the head, corresponding to nine emotions, mentioned by one authority, twenty-four by another; twenty-eight movements of the single hands, and twenty-four or twenty-six of the double hands, etc.; also "hands" denoting animals, trees, oceans and other things. For example, a certain position of the hands denotes a certain emperor, caste, or planet. The translator says rather naively that only a cultivated audience can appreciate Indian "actor's art."

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The Manicure Lady - By William F. Kirk

"This is the first time I froze my cheek since I was a chicken going to school," said the Manicure Lady. "Your jaw didn't freeze none, I notice," said the Head Barber. "If you noticed more important things, George, you wouldn't be here in this shop now!" declared the Manicure Lady. "You would be out along the battle front, where heroes are hiking up and down them trenches—that's where you would be! I remembered that it is yet early in the new year and a bad time to start my old, lazy habits, so here I am, full of pep and frost-bitten to a fare you well!"

"You don't need to be kind and gentle on my account," said the Head Barber. "If you will only try to be efficient. That's the latest dope all along the line, kid—efficiency. I seen in a magazine where all we had to do to win this war was for every man and every woman to do their work right up to the handle and keep smiling. It didn't say nothing whatever about gabbing, though, that's how things ought to be. Less talk and more work, says I."

"I could get along grand if you didn't talk at all," said the Manicure Lady. "I hope you don't think, George, that I talk to you because I'm dying to talk to you. I only had a notion that maybe it brightened you up a little to hear what a refined lady had to say once in awhile. Believe me, I can keep still if that's the way you want things. I won't say another word to you all afternoon. I know when my company is welcome and when it ain't, and if you think talking to you is any grand treat for me, George, I didn't intend to start the day with a lot of them sarcastic remarks.

George, but you kind of drive me to be kind and gentle in this shop!"

"You couldn't be no deaf mute," declared the Head Barber. "If you couldn't talk you would explode. Go

ahead, laid! Don't let me spoil your last days around this old hangout. I guess the way it looks now in the barber business we won't be here long to spoil. Talk out your string, kid. Don't let me be no killjoy for you in these last days around the old homestead."

Metallurgists Of Ancient Days

By Garrett P. Serviss

In the succession of prehistoric and primitive times the "bronze age" precedes the "iron age." This is sometimes mentioned with surprise by persons not familiar with metallurgy, because they suppose that a simple metal like iron would naturally come into use before a compound metal or alloy, such as bronze. No doubt this would have been the case, and the iron age would have preceded the bronze age, but for the fact that it is difficult to obtain iron from its ores, a greater degree of heat being required for its smelting than the earliest metal workers could command in their rude furnaces built in the ground and heated with wood.

This problem seems at last to have been solved by analyses of prehistoric bronze and copper objects found in Peru and Bolivia, and possessed by the American Museum of Natural History and the Peabody Museum. Mr. Charles W. Mead, writing in the Museum Journal, shows how the conclusion that the Peruvians purposely mingled tin with copper, and did not stumble on the discovery, accords with the historic evidence furnished by chroniclers of the Spanish conquest under Pizarro.

It appears that as much as 13 per cent of tin was sometimes mingled with the copper, and the ancient Peruvians are credited with having possessed considerable metallurgical skill. In the ruins of the remarkable mountain town of Machu Picchu, believed to have been built 2,000 years ago, then "lost" until its discovery a few years ago by Dr. Hiram Bingham, a large pieces of pure tin was found, which had first been beaten out in a thick, flat sheet and then rolled up "like a sandwich."

The object of combining a certain percentage of tin with copper, thus making the alloy called bronze, was to obtain a metal harder than either of its two components, and so capable of being ground to a cutting edge. What primitive men especially wanted were sharp tools and weapons. As the arts progressed, an additional reason for the preference of bronze is found in its superior beauty and the variety of shades of color that may be imparted to it by varying the percentage of the alloy, and in other ways.

The bronze age prevailed in many parts of the world and among many races and nations, but it was by no means synchronous everywhere. Among other places where bronze was used before iron were Bolivia, and Peru, in the days of the Incas. It has long been a disputed question whether these people dwelling along

"There couldn't be no better arrangement for me, either," said the Manicure Lady. "Silence is golden, like it says in the works of them great authors. Or, as Mister Bryan used to say, silence is golden and talk is free silver. Lots of times, George, I have made up my mind not to say another word to you all day, and then I would look at you, and you always seemed to look kind of lonesome and sad, and then I would forget all about being still and start rattling away again. But I got my cue all right now, George, believe me! After this you won't hear word out of me when it ain't necessary, and I guess it won't be necessary very often."

"Many a time when I felt more like keeping still I would say something just to make your day seem a little happier, maybe, or a little less lonesome, though goodness knows I ain't much of a talker as a rule, being more fond of thinking than gabbing, as all my friends know that know me at all."

"Sister Mayme was saying only the other night that I was one of the quietest girls she ever seen, which shows you that all my talk to you has been kind of put on just to make you forget your troubles. But never again, George! I don't need to have no brick house fall on me. I can take a hint, goodness know that know me at all."

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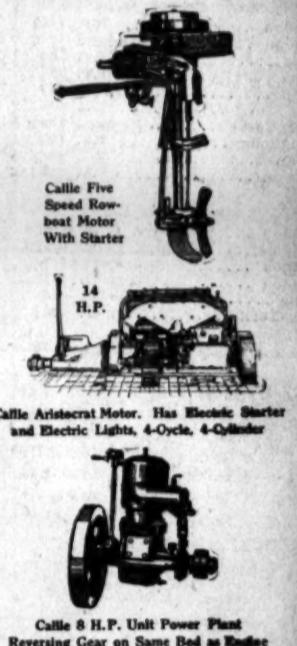
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Agencies and Branches:

Amritsar Iloilo Puket
Bangkok Ipoh Rangoon
Battambang Kuching Saigon
Calcutta Karachi Singapore
Canton Klang Seremban
Canton Kuala-Lumpur Shanghai
Cebu Madras Sourabaya
Colombo Malacca Taiping
Delhi Manila (F. M. S.)
Foochow Medan Tavoy (Lower Burma)
Hankow New York (Burma)
Hankow Peking Tientsin
Hongkong Penang Yokohama

Shanghai Branch, 18 The Bund. Interest allowed on the above agencies and Branches and also on the principal Commercial Cities throughout the world. Bills of Exchange bought. Travelling Letters of Credit issued and every description of Banking and Exchange business undertaken.

Interest allowed on Current Deposit Accounts, according to arrangement.

Fixed Deposits are received for twelve months and shorter periods at rates to be ascertained on application.

L. R. BREMNER, Manager.

BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE

Capital Frs. 48,000,000.00
Reserves Frs. 48,000,000.00

Successors et Agencies:

Bangkok Hanoi Saigon
Battambang Hongkong Shanghai
Canton Mengtze Singapore
Djibouti Noumea Tientsin
Dondichery Peking Toulane
Haiphong Papeete Tourane
Hankou Pnom-Penh

Bankers:

In France: Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; Credit Lyonnais; Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas; Credit Industriel et Commercial; Societe Generale.

In London: The Union of London and Smith's Bank, Ltd.; Comptoir National d'Escompte des Paris; Credit Lyonnais.

This Shanghai Agency undertakes all banking operations and exchange business, grants credits on goods and approved securities and receives deposits on current and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

L. ARDAIN, Manager.

Banque Belge Pour l'Etranger

Filiale de la Societe Generale de Belgique

Societe Anonyme

Paid-up Capital Frs. 30,000,000

Head Office: BRUSSELS.

London office: 2 Bishopsgate, Branches at Peking, Tientsin, Alexandria, Cairo (Egypt), and Rotterdam.

President:

JEAN JADOT

Societe Generale de Belgique.

Bankers:

London: Martin's Bank, Ltd.

Brussels: Societe Generale de Belgique.

Antwerp: Banque d'Anvers.

Paris: Banque de l'Union Parisenne, Societe Anonyme.

Lyons and Marseilles: Comptoir National d'Escompte d'Paris.

New York: National City Bank of New York.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts Tads and fixed deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of banking and exchange business transacted.

M. DEMETS,

Manager for China.

Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

Reserve Funds:

Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2s. \$15,000,000

Silver 12,500,000

Special Reserve Fund \$34,500,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

Head Office: HONGKONG

Court of Directors:

Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Chairman

G. T. M. Edkins, Esq. Deputy Chairman.

F. C. Butcher, Esq.

A. H. Compton, Esq.

S. H. Dodwell, Esq.

C. S. Gubay, Esq.

Hon. Mr. D. Landale.

E. V. D. Parr, Esq.

W. L. Patten, Esq.

Chief Manager.

Hongkong—N. J. STARR.

Branches and Agencies:

Amyo Ipoh Peking

Bangkok Johore Penang

Batavia Kobe Rangoon

Calcutta Kuala Lumpur Saigon

Canton London S. Francisco

Colombo Malacca Singapore

Foochow Manila Sourabaya

Hankow Nagasaki Tientsin

Harbin New York Tsingtao

Djibouti Yokohama

London Bankers:

London County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Shanghai Branch: 12 The Bund.

Sub-Agency: 9 Broadway.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Local Bills Discounted

Credits granted on approved Securities, and every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Drafts granted on London and the chief commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, Africa, China, Japan and America.

A. G. STEPHEN, Manager.

Russo-Asiatic Bank.

Roubles.

Capital (fully-paid) 55,000,000

Reserve Fund 26,960,000

Kgs. Tls.

Capital Contributed by the Chinese Government 3,500,000

Reserve Fund 1,750,000

In France: Societe Generale pour le Developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

In London: London, County and Westminster Bank, Ltd.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts in Gold or Local currency and Fixed Deposits on application.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

Savings accounts in Gold and Local currency.

G. LION, Manager.

Bankers:

London: Messrs. Glyn, Mills, Currie & Co.

Paris: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

Lyons: Societe Generale pour favoriser le Developpement du Commerce et de l'Industrie en France.

For Eastern Branches and Agencies

Bombay Harbin Peking

Chancun Hongkong Shanghai

Chefoo Newchwang Tientsin

Dairen Nieshauyewk Vladivostock

O/Amur Yokohama

Hankow

31 Branches and Agencies in Russia, Siberia and Mongolia

SHANGHAI BRANCH

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits in Tads, Dollars and Roubles. Terms on application.

Local Bills discounted. Special facilities for Russian Exchange.

Foreign Exchange on the principal cities of the world bought and sold.

Safe Deposit Boxes

L. JEZIERSKI, G. CARRERE, Managers for China, Japan and India.

The Bank of Canton, Limited.

Incorporated 1912.

Authorized Capital Hs. 12,000,000

Subscribed and paid up Hs. 1,582,950,00

Capital Hs. 240,000,00

Reserve Fund Hs. 40,000,00

Investment reserve fund Hs. 40,000,00

Head Office: No. 5 Des Voeux Road, Hongkong.

Shanghai Office: No. 3 Ningpo Road.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits according to arrangement.

Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

C. C. WONG, Act. Manager.

The Bank of China

(Specially authorised by Presidential Mandate of 15th April, 1915)

Paid-up Capital \$15,000,000

Reserve Funds:

Sterling £1,500,000 @ 2s. \$15,000,000

Silver 12,500,000

Special Reserve Fund \$1,898,932.68

\$34,500,000

Reserve Liability of Proprietors \$15,000,000

Head Office: PEKING.

Branches and Agencies:

Peking Talyuan Shanghai

Tientsin Kaifeng Hankow

Changchun Wuhu Ichang

Antung Anking Changsha

Daiyin Hangchow Nanchang

Moukden Ningpo Kiukiang

Newchwang Nanking Foochow

Harbin Chinkiang Amoy

Kirin Hsichow Canton

Tsinan Soochow Hongkong

Chefoo Wusieh Swatow

Tsingtao Yangchow Chungking

SHANGHAI BRANCH.

3 HANKOW ROAD.

Loans granted on approved securities. Local bills discounted.

Interest allowed on Tael Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum, on

Dollar Current Accounts at 1 per cent per annum, and on Fixed Deposits at the following rates:

For 3 months at the rate of 3 per cent per annum.

For 6 months at the rate of 4 per cent per annum.

For 12 months at the rate of 5 per cent per annum.

SUNG HAN CHANG, Manager.

Branches and Agencies:

London: Iloilo Peking

Jobore Penang

Kobe Rangoon

Calcutta Kuala Lumpur Saigon

London: London S. Francisco

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A. G. STEPHEN, Manager.

Business and Official Notices

Whangpoo Conservancy Board
Notification No. 76.

Tenders for the Supply of Brushwood and Stakes

Tenders are hereby invited for the supply of: 300,000 bundles of Brushwood, and 3,000 bundles of Stakes.

For conditions and particulars apply to the Engineering Department, 6 Kiukiang Road.

Tenders marked "Brushwood and Stakes" respectively and addressed to the Whangpoo Conservancy Board must be sent to the Board's Office, 6 Kiukiang Road, before noon on April 1st, 1918.

The Board do not bind themselves to accept the lowest or any tender.

Shanghai, 20th March, 1918.

WHANGPOO CONSERVANCY BOARD.

17217

The Commercial Pacific Cable Co.

NOTICE
CURRENCY CHARGES ON CABLEGRAMS: Senders of Cablegrams to America, etc. are hereby notified that from the First of April, 1918, until further notice, charges will be collected at the rate of \$0.27 Mexican, equal to Franc 1.00.

J. D. GAINES,
Superintendent.
Shanghai, March 21st, 1918.

17216

5% Italian Consolidated Loan 1918

Non-convertible till 1931
Price of issue: Lires 36.50
Subscriptions are received by

THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK
up to the 25th of May, 1918.

17224

Are you suffering from rheumatism or nervousness? If so, come to the TURKISH BATH and MASSAGE PARLOR. I have the highest recommendations from doctors, 15 years' experience in U.S.A.

PROF. J. K. SETO,
25 North Szechuan Road.

17199

"I Can Succeed!"

What other men have accomplished through I. C. S. help, I can. If the I. C. S. have failed to do what you want, then they can not do it. To me, I. C. S. means "I CAN SUCCEED."

Get the "I Can Succeed" spirit, for the International Correspondence Schools can raise your salary—whether you are a day man or a dollar-a-day man. No matter where you live, there is a school near you, or, how little time you have, you can succeed.

Over 100,000 are now studying, getting ready for the world. And now is your time to be proud of—you can do it.

Post mark and mail the coupon TODAY and find out how it will obligate you to us.

YEAR OUT NOW—

17199

Public Recreation Ground

NOTICE TO CLUBS

Clubs desirous of securing playing space on the Public Recreation Ground on the Racecourse are requested to apply to the undersigned on or before the 10th April next. The following facts must accompany the application:

1. The name of the Club.
2. The name and address of its Secretary.
3. The number of its playing members.
4. The amount of their individual subscription.
5. The space applied for.
6. Whether, in case of an excess of applicants for such games as tennis, the Club is willing to play on alternate days only, leaving the remaining days to a second Club.

In all cases, Clubs must bind themselves to abide by the decision of the Ground Committee and faithfully to carry out whatever regulations have been or may be promulgated by them.

As soon as possible after the date named, the allotments will be made.

By order of the Ground Committee,
GEORGE LANNING,
Hon. Secretary.

17226

CHINESE POST OFFICE

Notification No. 333.

I have this day resumed charge of the Shanghai Postal District.

W. W. RITCHIE,
Postal Commissioner.
Chinese Post Office,
Shanghai, 21st March, 1918.

17222

National Loan of the Third Year of the Republic (1914)

Subscribers to the above loan are hereby reminded that interest coupons become invalid for payment on the expiry of three years from the date on which the half yearly period covered by them ends. Thus Coupon No. 2 covering interest on the above Loan for the period 1st January to 30th June, 1915, will cease to be valid for payment after 30th June, 1918. Bondholders who have not yet presented this coupon for payment should do so before 1st July, 1918.

F. A. AGLEN,
Inspector General of Customs.
Inspectorate General of Customs,
Peking, 14th March, 1918.

17199

Kingman Bros. DENTAL SURGEONS

Dental Surgeons of the Philadelphia Dental College and Garretson's Hospital of Oral Surgery, Philadelphia, U.S.A.

Will perform all kinds of dental operations on modern scientific principles, and supply—

Teeth of Superior Workmanship in Vulcanite, Gold and Alloy Plates, Gold Crown and Bridge Work.

All work is guaranteed to entire satisfaction.

40, Szechuan Road, Shanghai

The Shanghai Sumatra Tobacco Company, Limited

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

Notice is hereby given that the Sixteenth Annual Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Office of the undersigned (No. 1 The Bund) on Thursday, the 28th March, 1918, at 4.00 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, for the year ended 31st October, 1917.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 21st to the 28th March, 1918, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Directors,
GEORGE MCBAIN,
General Agent.

Shanghai, 12th March, 1918.

BILL SMITH

says:

"Elephant Head"

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ROSENSTOCK'S DIRECTORIES

4 Canton Road

MUNICIPAL NOTIFICATION

No. 2501.

THE following Resolutions will be brought forward by the Council at the Annual Meeting of Ratepayers to be held at the Town Hall on March 27, 1918, at 2 o'clock p.m., and are published for general information:

Resolutions I, II and III.—Formal business and adoption of Rules of Procedure.

Resolution IV.—That the Report and Accounts for the year ending December 31, 1917, be passed.

Resolution V.—That the Report of the Loan Redemption Committee dated July 7, 1917, and published in the Municipal Gazette of March 16, 1918, be received and adopted.

Resolution VI.—That the estimated expenditure for 1918, contained in the Budget proposed by the retiring Council, together with the recommendations attached thereto, be approved and adopted, and that the Council be hereby authorised to impose, collect and recover the rates, taxes, dues and fees recommended therein, and to raise, should it be considered expedient to do so, a sum not exceeding Tls. 1,800,000, by the issue of debentures redeemable on December 31, 1928, and bearing interest at a rate not exceeding seven per cent per annum, for the purposes defined in the estimate of Extraordinary Expenditure.

Resolution VII.—That the Council be and it is hereby authorised and directed to appoint a Committee, consisting of three Members of Council and two Ratepayers with power to fill vacancies, to consider and report whether it is desirable, in the interests of this Community, that the business and undertaking and the lands, buildings, plant, machinery and effects of the Shanghai Waterworks Company, Limited should be acquired, in pursuance of the provisions contained in Clause 9 of the Agreement between the Company and the Council dated the first day of July, 1905. The report of such Committee to be submitted to the Council, who shall lay the same before the Ratepayers in meeting assembled.

Resolution VIII.—Election of Land Comptroller for the ensuing year.

Resolution IX.—Election of four Governors of the General Hospital for the ensuing year.

Resolution X.—Election of two members of the Permanent Education Committee.

Ratepayers intending to ask questions in regard to the Accounts or other matters connected with the foregoing Resolutions, are requested to give notice of such intention before the Meeting, so that a full answer or other explanation may be given.

Ratepayers desirous of bringing forward additional motions, or of nominating duly qualified persons willing to serve under Resolutions VIII, IX and X are required to give notice thereof to the undersigned before 4 p.m. on March 20 for due publication.

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